



# ACCESSIBILITY MATTERS

## NEWSLETTER

### Introducing NCDSB's 2025–2029 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is pleased to share its 2025–2029 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. This comprehensive plan reflects our ongoing commitment to fostering inclusive, barrier-free learning and working environments. Guided by collaboration and feedback, the plan outlines strategies to improve accessibility in areas such as facilities, communication, and policies. NCDSB remains dedicated to promoting dignity, independence, integration, and equal opportunity for all members of our school communities.



#### The NCDSB Accessibility

Committee in conjunction with the Facilities Department will be reviewing all accessible school washrooms this year.

### NCDSB Prepares New AODA Compliance Report

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is currently preparing its updated AODA Compliance Report, outlining progress and goals for the next three years. The report highlights continued efforts to meet accessibility standards, ensuring inclusive, equitable environments that support all students, staff, and community members in accordance with provincial legislation.

### AODA & Accessibility in School Board 2025

In Ontario, the target year of 2025 for full accessibility was not met, highlighting ongoing systemic barriers in school boards. While the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) mandated the removal of barriers by this date, the Education Accessibility Standard remains overdue, impacting students with disabilities. Despite this, progress is being made through multi-year plans focusing on the built environment and inclusive practices, though more funding and specific standards for the education sector are needed.

Timelines for full implementation of Accessibility Standards

